

a great temple of the same goddess at which there were elaborate celebrations of the Adonis myth. There was sacral harlotry for strangers only, the money going as a sacrifice to the goddess. Every woman must have her head shaved in mourning for Adonis, or sacrifice herself under this custom.¹ Tanith has been identified with Artemis, and the later cults of Punic Africa give great prominence to the "celestial virgin/" or "virginal *numett*"

"The identification of the mother-of-the-gods with the heavenly virgin, that is, the unmarried goddess, is confirmed, if not absolutely demanded, by Augustine.² At Carthage she seems also to be identical with Dido."³ "The Arabian Lat was worshiped by the Nabataeans as mother-of-the-gods and must be identified with the virgin-mother whose worship at Petra is described by Epi-phanius."⁴ In the worship of Anaitis in Armenia male and female slaves were dedicated to the goddess, but men of rank also consecrated their daughters. After long service they married, no one considering them degraded. They were not mercenary, being well provided for by their families. Therefore they received only their social equals.⁵ Baal Peor seems also to have been a case of sacral harlotry.⁶ The strongest reason for thinking so is Hosea ix. 10. Rosenbaum⁷ interprets the pestilence as venereal. The *kedeshim* (male prostitutes) were expelled from Judah by Asa.⁸ They had been there since Rehoboam.⁹ They are heard of again.¹⁰ They were under vows and brought their earnings to Jahveh.¹¹ Farnell¹² interprets a fragment of Pindar as proof of sacral harlotry at Corinth. At a temple of the Epizephyrian Locri it was practiced in fulfillment of a vow made by the people, under some ancient insult, to consecrate their daughters if

the goddess
 would help them.¹³ Farnell also¹⁴ directs attention to
 a case in
 Sicily where the connection is with the
 Carthaginian Eryx. In

¹ Lucian, *De Syria Dea*, 6; Pietschmann, *Phoenizier*, 229.

² *De Civit. Dei*, II, 4. ⁸ I Kings xv. 12.

³ W. R. Smith, *Relig. of the Semites*, 56. ⁹ i Kings xiv. 24.

⁴ *Ibid.* ¹⁰ i Kings xxii. 46; 2 Kings
 xxiii. 7.

⁶ Strabo, XI, 14, 16. u Deut.

xxiii. 18.

⁶ Num. xxiii. 28; xxv. i ; Josh. xxii. 17. ¹⁵ *Cults of the Greek
 States*, 635.

⁷ *Die Lustseuche im Alterthum*, 77. ¹³ Athenseus, XII, 11.

¹⁴ *Cults of the Greek States*, 641.